

## Message Text

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R 211327Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6353

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

S E C R E T DAMASCUS 940

STADIS////////////////////////////////////

NOFORN, FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL

SUBJ: MU 76

REF: STATE 39610

1. MY OWN REACTION IS THAT SIMULTANEOUS ABSENCE FROM POST OF AMBASSADORS FROM ISRAEL, "CONFRONTATION" STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA COULD NOT HELP BUT BE NOTED IN AREA AND AROUSE UNWELCOME SPECULATION, EVEN IF FOCUS OF MU 76 DID NOT LEAK. MY OWN DEPARTURE FROM POST IS ALWAYS NOTED.

2. IF OUR ATTENDANCE FOLLOWED DIRECTLY ON OUR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WILL APPARENTLY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL MARCH, THIS WOULD MINIMIZE PROSPECT OF ATTRACTING UNDUE ATTENTION. EVEN BETTER WOULD BE TO STAGE SIMULATION IN WASHINGTON IF IT WERE DESIRED TO HAVE SOME OR ALL OF US ATTEND.  
MURPHY

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